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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES EXPAND

6.5 BILLION ALLOTTED TO SCHOOL PROGRAM -- Zycie Warszawy, No 239, 31 Aug 49

Funds amounting 6.5 billion zlotys have been allotted this year for the construction and repair of schools throughout the country: 600 buildings have been newly constructed or repaired. At the end of last year 3,336,000 children attended primary schools. For the 1949 - 1950 school year the number of graduates from primary school will increase by 100,000 and the number of high school graduates by 3,000.

Changes in the curriculum will give more attention to Polish and mathematics; a foreign language will be introduced in the fifth grade. Lyceums will no longer be differentiated according to humanistic, scientific, and mathematical studies.

About 12 million text books have been prepared; 820 million zlotys have been allotted for school supplies and 923 million zlotys for school furniture and physical education equipment. Also, 350 million zlotys have been spent for scientific apparatus for the study of statics and density, microscopes, aquariums etc. Continuation summer courses were attended by 17,500 teachers, 1,500 nursery school teachers; 5,000 teachers attended postgraduate courses.

APPLICANTS CHOSEN ON BASIS OF SOCIAL BACKGROUND -- Trybuna Ludu, No 239, 31 Aug 49

Application forms for schools of higher learning must show the applicants background, aptitudes, and activity in social organizations (especially the Polish Youth Association). This year the number of applicants exceeds the available openings in universities and Polytechnics by 40 percent. Priority will be given to the children of factory workers and poor farmers, followed by children of working intellectuals.

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So far, medical, agricultural, and technical schools have had the largest attendance, while law, humanistic, mathematic, and natural science schools have been less popular. Although educational facilities in the first group will have to be expanded, some students will be encouraged to transfer to studies in the second group unless they show special aptitudes in the field of their choice.

VETERINARY COLLEGES OPENED -- Zycie Warszawy, No 239, 31 Aug 49

The first Polish veterinary colleges have been opened in Bydgoszcz and Pulawy.

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